

Appln. No. 10/804,306

Attorney Docket No. 5709-169

**I. Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

**[0023]** As noted, the beltstrip assembly 20 provides a color matched show surface which is both durable and aesthetically pleasing. Furthermore, since the layer of TPO material 60 is elastic, the beltstrip assembly 20 can be manipulated, i.e., curved or bent, to fit vehicle contours without degrading its appearance as illustrated, for example, by the rolled under region 62 of the beltstrip assembly 60 facing the front door 12 of the motor vehicle 10. It should also be appreciated that since the layer of thermoplastic olefin (TPO) material 60 will bond directly to the thermoplastic olefin (TPO) or polypropylene (PP) of the body 32, the entire beltstrip assembly 20 may be coextruded in one operation. Finally, it should be appreciated that while described above as a beltstrip, it should be appreciated that the product will function in different door and window locations and orientations and may thus be accurately characterized as a weatherstrip.

BRINKS  
HOFFER  
GILSON  
ALIONE